

GIRLS' PROTECTOR AT UNION STATION

Travelers' Aid Details an Agent to Shield Feminine Passengers.

Washington Co-operative League for Social Service Plans to Help Women.

The Travelers' Aid, under the auspices of the Washington Co-operative League for Social Service, has detailed an agent at the Union Station to care for and protect women and girls traveling unaccompanied and those who are not met by friends or relatives.

This is only one of the features of the Aid, which has been permanently established in Washington and whose managers hope to accomplish much good. The officers include some of Washington's most philanthropic men and women, who will devote much time to perfecting the organization. The organization is affiliated with a number of other societies in Washington and by means of co-operation expects to achieve much that otherwise could not be accomplished.

The board of management hopes next winter to arrange a series of popular talks on social service in its various aspects and to suggest from time to time different ways in which each may do her little part for the "greater good of the greater number."

The league desires to start at once a noon day rest and lunch room on the cafeteria plan, where girls employed in shops can bring their own lunch and supplement it with one or two hot dishes at a minimum cost.

It also wishes to employ an agent of the Travelers' Aid Society to meet incoming trains and help and advise girls who are traveling alone. It also plans to open a registry office where girls seeking employment may be secured from going ignorantly to harmful places, and expects to keep a corrected list of boarding places where young girls may find safe homes.

The officers are: President, H. C. Bolton, 1519 K street northwest; vice presidents, Mrs. Woodbury Pulsifer, the Brunswick; Mrs. Charles A. Goldsmith, 1510 Calvert street northwest; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Leslie Ransome, 1435 Belmont street; recording secretary, Mrs. John Van Rensselaer, the Farragut; treasurer, Dr. W. K. Van Reypen, U. S. N.

WIGWAM BOX PARTY GIVEN BY WHITE EAGLE COUNCIL

Wednesday evening White Eagle Council, No. 4, gave a box party at their wigwam, Fifth and G streets northwest. The entertainment opened with a piano solo by W. T. Pfeiffer, of 1235 Ninth street northwest.

Officers of the council, D. of P. are: Mrs. J. E. Shepard, pochontas; Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, keeper of records.

Readers Read and Rant, Some Can, Others Can't, All Essay Senate Chant

Contest for \$2,250 Job Brings Big Voices and Little Voices Together, Making Noises That Shake Chandeliers Or Put Lights to Sleep.

It's like a bull fight and a silence. It reminds one of an automobile race and a pause. It brings back memories of a football game and a deep sigh. It's the echo of a cavalry charge and the speechlessness of terror.

As a matter of fact, it's the reading test Charles G. Bennett, clerk of the Senate, is conducting in order to secure a reading clerk at an annual salary of \$2,250—one whose voice shall be distinct but not harsh, agreeable but not weak, sonorous but not strident.

For this exacting job, there are forty-five candidates. In the process of elimination of those who can not read, Mr. Bennett acts as the lord high executioner. He leads them kindly to the slaughter and allows them, with great goodness, to read their overleaping hopes to death.

Killing Off Process. His process is simple. Every day he has eight or ten of them lined up in his office. He then goes into the Senate Chamber, which is apt to be tenanted only by himself, a page, and a few ignorant people in the galleries. One by one he allows the candidates to enter the sacred room, climb to the reading desk and give utterance to passages from the President's message.

After he has decided who are the best eight or ten in the forty-five, he will have an endurance contest, seeing how long each man can read aloud and keep his voice in working order.

Among the applicants for the job, there are two ex-actors, three elocutionists, a policeman, a tinner, Government clerks, and employees of the Senate. Mr. Bennett makes them read fast, slowly, loudly, and in a low tone of voice. Senatorial ears are tender, perhaps from keeping them to the ground, as "Jeff" Davis suggested, and the reading clerk must not have a voice that will irritate them in any way.

Shook the Cobwebs Loose.

One man climbed to the desk in one of the tests and showed himself a powerfully built specimen. He let out his voice, and the unoffending cobwebs in the high corners of the chamber were smashed to nothing. The inkstands in the desks clattered in maddest glee, and people outside in the corridors shrieked with fear.

He let it out again and his listener feared the glass in the roof was doomed by the force of the sound waves that stormed and raged against the walls in a pandemonium of thunderous tone. With the next applicant, it was different. He was loaded down with nervousness.

He was as calm as a goldfish chased by the house cat.

He looked like a bird trying to escape the baleful glare of a serpent.

His voice stole out as far as three feet beyond the desk. His face was red, and his throat was all knotted up. He swallowed hard and swallowed nothing. He looked like a race horse with all the wind pumped out of him and the finish line half a mile away.

Mr. Bennett let him go early.

Ex-Hamlet a Delaarte.

Another, who had played the part of Hamlet and had received for the work a sum not altogether commensurate with his abilities, made of the air a curtain on which his facile gestures made illustrations of the message as he read it. In his reading he used his hands, his legs, his feet, his chest, and his flowing mass of wavy hair. He played the part of a reader to an empty house with great effect.

A lecturer was in the group. The sentences flowed from him in a sonorous stream that put Mr. Bennett to the trouble of sticking himself with a pin in order to keep awake. Of sound, there was enough and to spare. But of varied sounds there was a great dearth.

He will not be encored.

Mr. Bennett is a man of great patience. In this quality, he is a worthy impersonator of Job. He sits and listens. He keeps his temper and his tongue, this latter being a thing he wishes some of the candidates would do.

There is a rumor that he has a plan on foot to end the contest at the earliest moment possible.

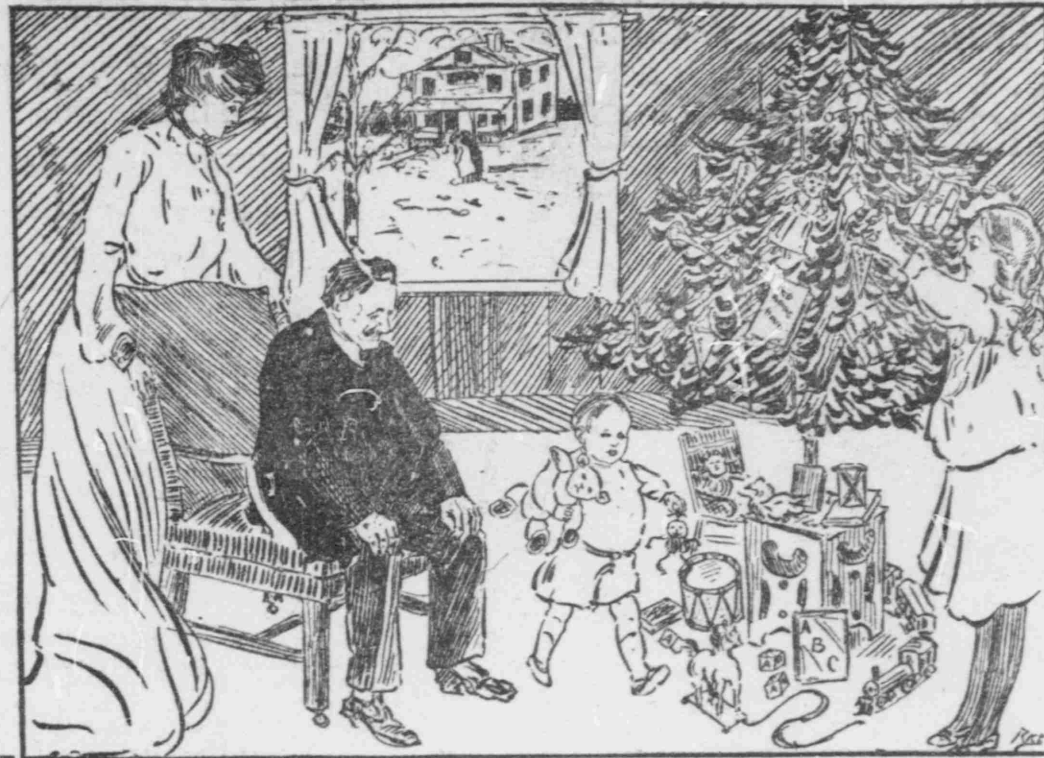
HUGE CHRISTMAS TREE FOR GUESTS IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The London hotels are bent on celebrating Christmas with much more reasonable enthusiasm than usual. This is part of a concerted movement to keep Christmas travelers from spending the season in the great hotels of the south coast of England and northern France.

The hotel which is making the most strenuous effort in this direction is the Carlton. The great restaurant is being transformed into an old English inn yard, with quaint wooden galleries, and in the center a huge Christmas tree, 125 feet high, will bear 2,000 electric lamps and nearly 2,500 presents.

A lavish Christmas menu has been prepared, and the Savoy, Cecil, Claridge's, the Ritz, and Prince's will vie with the Carlton in the yuletide festivities.

CHRISTMAS MORNING



CHRISTMAS MORNING! What joy it brings to the hearts of all! What good things are looked forward to at the dinner! The sizzling turkey, the delicious "side things," and the savory plum pudding! And what tokens of good will are given to every member of the family! How the children romp with delight around the tree, and how "You" and "Him" are pleased! Truly, Christmas—the great feast day, the great home day—is the greatest day in the year!

On Christmas there is "no place like home." The best part of the day is spent in the home. Now, take YOUR home. Are you going to have it attractively furnished for Christmas? Are there some odd pieces that need replacing? If there are, come to this cheery store and select what you want. Everything is here—something for every room in the house.

Now, about gifts. You are probably perplexed as to what you shall give. Give something useful—something that will be an adornment for the home—YOUR home or somebody else's.

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Golden Oak Magazine Rack & Cellarette \$7.35

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